

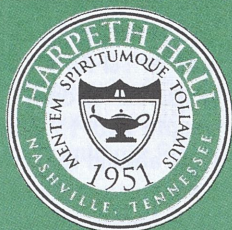
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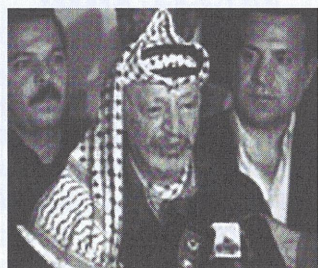
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Middle East Tension Builds

News Analysis

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Business Editor

Jerusalem is the city of wonders and the place where three great religions collide. Far from an accidental intersection, Jerusalem is the heart of a greater struggle- the Israeli struggle.



Yasser Arafat

Oral truce no longer has an effect. The impact of religion and ethnicity prove to be the most tremendous obstacles. After the recent stalemate at a promising talk, violence is again "the order of the day" despite several calls for ceasefire. Impatient for a breakthrough, the people are finding more reasons to seek their own solution. The number of deaths are mounting at an alarming

rate as conflicts between Israeli forces and Palestinian militia groups are drawing in more civilian involvement since September. Even the key players in this game of wits, Israeli president Barak and PLO leader Arafat, are now being criticized of being soft on tough issues such as Jerusalem.

While world attention is focused on the highly visible acts of terror in the Gaza and West Bank, Israel's tense political structure will ultimately determine Jerusalem's future.

Ehud Barak, Israeli president since May of 1999, has made incessant attempts to secure a permanent peace agreement. But Barak's eager concessions and inability to quell violence have alienated him in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament. In response to conservatives' fervent outcry, Barak is prepared to call for an early spring election in which opposition leader Ariel Sharon, the hero of Arab-Israeli wars, is hoping to reshape Israel's

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Rachel Chisolm ('01) and a Belle Meade Police Officer

Myth vs. Fact: Nashville Laws and What They Mean For Teens

Stephanie Beatty ('01)
News Editor

"In our system... schools may not be enclaves of totalitarianism. School officials do not possess absolute authority over their students. Students in school as well as out of school are 'persons' under our Constitution."

— U.S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas, *Tinker v. Des Moines School District* (1969)

Myth: The Graduated License Law will never pass.

Fact: Not only has the Graduated License Law already been passed by the Tennessee Legislature – It will go into effect July 1, 2001. This law will prevent new drivers from traveling with groups of friends. It would also require teenagers to log 50 hours of supervised driving before driving alone. Under a version of last

year's proposal in Tennessee, 16-year-old drivers could not carry more than one passenger unless one of them is at least 21.

Myth: You cannot be physically searched by an officer unless you give the officer permission.

Fact: According to Tennessee Code Annotated, the directory to state law, "No person arrested shall be subjected to strip searches and/or body cavity searches unless the arresting officer has probable cause to believe the arrested person may be concealing a weapon and/or contraband in such arrested person's body cavity. Contraband includes, but is not limited to, illegal drugs."

Myth: If you are caught tampering with construction signs and barricades traveling on closed roads, you can only be given a warning.

Fact: From the TCA, "A per-

son commits an offense who intentionally destroys, knocks down, removes, defaces, or alters any lighting flasher letters or figures on a detour or warning sign set upon a highway or road of this state; a violation of this section is a misdemeanor."

Myth: Your license cannot be taken away for anything but drunk driving.

Fact: For anyone under 18, a driving license can be suspended any criminal offense, status offense, violation, infraction or other prohibited conduct involving the possession, use, sale, or consumption of any alcoholic beverage, wine or beer, or any controlled substance. Upon receiving one denial of driving privilege, the license is revoked for one year or until the age of 17, or whichever is longer. Upon receiving two denials of driving

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HH Sends Students to Model United Nations

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Contributing Writer

"I urge high passage and yield my time to the chair." Most anyone would have no idea what this means, but those who went to the Model United Nations conference heard this phrase so many times they can practically say it in their sleep.

The textbook explanation of what took place on the weekend of Nov. 3-5 is this: on this particular weekend a group of 23 girls from Harpeth Hall attended the annual conference at the downtown Sheraton Hotel, along with several hundred boys and girls from all over Tennessee.

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Palestine

Palestinian Fatah headquarters in Tulkarm, Salfit, and Hebron, as well as in the West Bank town of Ramallah were bombed by Israeli helicopters. The buildings bombed were empty and only three people sustained injuries. The Fatah is a faction within Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation.

Brunei

APEC, or Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, met in Brunei to discuss methods to control oil processes and the digital divide between developed and developing countries. APEC's main goal is to push for a fair and free trade zone between countries on either side of the Pacific Rim.

Russia

Unaccounted-for blasts have been detected near the



The World in 5 Minutes

wreck of the Russian submarine *The Kursk* which sank on August 12, killing all on board. The origin of these explosions is unknown, but one likely reason is the Russian military's desire to keep away foreign submarines, possibly so foreign powers would not be able to snoop around the area.

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In Moscow, Russia,

Alexander Kabankov shed 132 pounds to win the heart of the woman he loves. Previously known as Russia's fattest man, Kabankov said, "I wanted to be good looking for my honey. For love, a man will do anything."

Italy

In the streets of Mirano, Italy, goose racing is the rage.

The annual goose race draws about 100 entrants. Geese are guided along a 460-yard course edged with spectators. The owner of this year's winning goose, Spartacus, offered this advice for race preparation the day before the big event: "He just had a light training session yesterday and a quiet evening with no sex, disco or hard drinking."

Israel

Despite the ongoing warfare between Israel and Palestine, Israelis held a love parade in Tel Aviv. The parade featured around 200,000 people and 15 disc jockeys from around the globe. Peculiarly, just two hours away from Tel Aviv, Israeli Arabs rioted against police, and Palestinian snipers clashed with Israeli forces.

United States

The iRobot, said to be the closest thing yet to a personal R2-D2, was unveiled November 15. The iRobot sports a digital video camera, sonar so the machinist can see from the viewpoint of the robot, microphone, and speakers. It can be controlled from anywhere in the world by way of a web browser. It can even make eye contact with people and has a limited vocabulary to express itself. It is a user-friendly robot that sees, hears, and speaks. ♦

Model U.N.

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The rooms were small, and the General Assembly meetings were long, but most everyone had a genuinely great weekend. They learned much about the United Nations, worked on public speaking skills, and met many new people. The faculty sponsors of this excursion were Dr. Derah Myers and Mr. Tony Springman. However, this trip was not all work.

On Friday night they were given time to work out at the neighboring YMCA (sponsor of the Model UN conference) and on Saturday night there was a "Come As You Are Not" dance. At the dance, some of the wilder costumes included a baked potato, a group of farm boys, a group of guys in togas, Zorro, Charlie's Angels, and a varying assortment of devils, angels, and so much more.

Other ways students passed the time when they

were not in General Assembly included the following: ordering strawberry virgin daiquiris from the restaurant downstairs, hiding from the college staff patrolling the hallways, signing their country to be part of the Anti-French movement, partying in the parking lot of the YMCA, getting lunch at Subway, watching movies on HBO, finding any purpose of the Sealand proposal, chanting

"Free Booty" in General Assembly, and writing their name over and over in your proposal book. In addition, there was an abnormally large number of young, well-dressed guys to watch.

Model United Nations next year and Youth Legislature at the capitol this spring can only attempt to be as fun as the Model United Nations this year. ♦



Dressed in conference attire (from left) is Kim Hogg (Chile), Stephanie Beatty (Cuba), Hadley Hines (Zambia), and Callie Cohen (Chile).

HALLOWEEN 2000



The Matrix: (from left): Elise McCabe (□02), Victoria Littlefair-Molin (□01), Seema Kanwar (□02), Shirley Li (□02), Courtney Thomas (□02), Ivana Babic (□01), Megumi Matsuda (□01).

Chiquita Banana Girls (from left): Susan Oliver (□01), Cayce McCain (□01), and Kathleen Serck. (□01)



Students wore their costumes and competed in Bullard Gym for recognition as □Best Costume□ this year

Laptops Are Beneficial For Upper School

Anna Smith ('04)
Contributing Writer



This spring, Harpeth Hall's administration plans on placing laptops in the hands of students in the Upper School. Some students are unhappy about this. But these students are short-sighted. Not only has this program already been a success in the eighth grade ("I'm definitely pro-laptop!" said eighth grader Emily Fisher), but it should—hopefully—be a success in the Upper School as well. Students will have the opportunity to use their very own laptop for everything from becoming tech savvy to improving problem-solving skills to learning school subjects.

Picture the following: your English paper is due today, and you've sent it via email so that you can print it at school. Unfortunately for you, the project is due first period. It's 7:30 a.m. and you rush into a cramped computer lab, where you try to bump someone off a computer who is doing some very important research at the "I Love Nick Carter" fan site. You ask this drooling student several times if you could please use the computer, but in vain: All you get is, "Can you ask someone else?" Well, mornings like this would be eliminated if every-

one had her own laptop. This only one of the many advantages students can gain from the laptop program.

Some students worry that we won't get a chance to use our laptops. So far, the Middle School has done an excellent job incorporating these machines into class. When asked how frequently laptops were used, eighth grader Kate Gregory said, "It's an hourly thing. No, five minutely thing. We take them to all our classes." From science labs to project research to taking English notes, eighth graders use their laptops frequently. Gregory claims the time it takes her to write a paper has been cut in half, and Fisher claims that taking class notes is much easier as well.

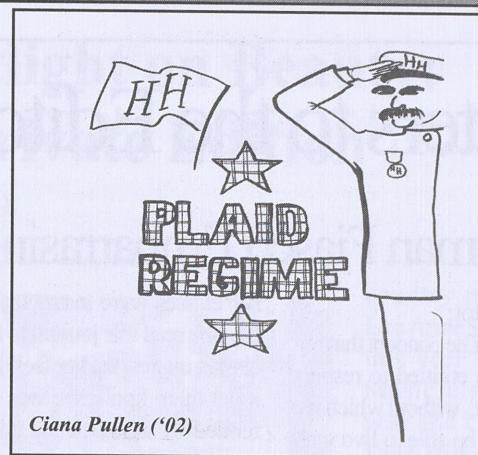
Another plus of the laptop program is that chances are, you'd be one step closer to being fully prepared for college. A number of colleges today are requiring freshmen to have laptops. Well, you'll be one of the most prepared people on campus because you have a laptop whose programs you fully understand. In a world where terms like "email," "Internet," and "hard drive" are becoming more and more prevalent, having good technological skills is an advantage. One stupid phrase that's been circulating around is "Women can't do computers." Well, Harpeth Hall girls

can—and will.

Many personal skills are improved as well. For those students whose binders look like they have been attacked by a rabid dog, organizational skills are improved through the laptop program. When a student saves a file, she must save it to the appropriate folder marked "English" and "Spanish" and the like. Problem-solving skills are sharpened through technological problems. What's more, study skills are sharpened. "Studying is easier. For example, in Excel you can hide a column (temporarily). You can use this to quiz yourself on vocab," Fisher said.

We've probably all heard the story about a certain eighth grader spilling a glass of milk on her laptop. Gregory says the story is true. And, even without spilled milk, the occasional computer crash is inevitable. But note that these things are extremely rare, and they no doubt will remind us to be careful with our laptops and to always back up files. Also, Harpeth Hall's fabulous tech team can surely help you out with any technical problems.

The fact is the laptop program has been a success so far in the Middle School. Of course, you can't know until you try, but all signs suggest it will be a success in the Upper School as well. You can't help but admit it's kind of cool to be the pioneers of projects like this. "I think people forget sometimes that we're lucky to have the [opportunity] to use these wonderful machines in the 21st century," said Fisher.



Ciana Pullen ('02)

Area Stores Should Tap Unseen Customers

Sally Jackson ('01)
Entertainment Editor



With advertising directed mainly at America's youth, one would expect

stores to jump at the opportunity to sell to these excited spenders—but that is not the case. Teenagers everywhere are constantly being disregarded and cast aside. Don't merchants realize that in the pockets of many of those bright eyed consumers lay their parent's credit cards?

All over shopping malls you can find juveniles walking in large groups, and in each hand they carry a bag. Unlike adults, all the money teenagers have usually goes straight and mainly to retail items. As a sales associate in the Green Hills Mall, I see the diverse customers that frequent the stores. The teens are stereotyped by fellow employees as thieves, yet when inquired about specific incidents,

not one could document a case when this occurred. Teens were also said to be "obnoxious". While obnoxious they may be, they are no more so than any other customer (regardless of age).

But if wholesalers know how much teenagers can contribute to their annual revenues, why do they continue to neglect us? Perhaps it is our high-octave voices, or maybe the fact that we travel in what retailers consider to be repulsive packs—but they forget that we are still purchasing things every day.

Teens are a vital force in the shopping world, and the sooner they are taken seriously, the more money they will spend. Retailers: do not doubt a teenager's purchasing limit; it might surprise you! And with Christmas just around the corner, everyone knows that teens will be buying up a storm—so pay attention to them. If you serve us, we will buy! ♦

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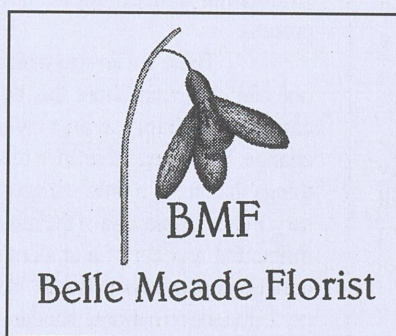
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This is a list of just a few of HH students' favorite things. To submit your own, contribute to the page on the *Logos II* Board.

Letters to the Editor

Freshman Fiasco Embarrassing

To the Editor:

The concept that everybody is entitled to respect is universal, without which we would not be able to live with one another or get anything done. Others are entitled to respect because of the things they do, and have done. We are also entitled to respect because we are people and we have our own thoughts and opinions. However, just because people are entitled to respect, doesn't mean they get it.

We should respect our elders because of their experience. They know more about how the world works than we do as a younger generation. Teachers are entitled to respect by virtue of their position. A small number of the freshman class at Harpeth Hall have had problems with authority. For example, some have deliberately talked back to a teacher. One English teacher, offended by some of the comments made by the freshmen to their peers, warned them numerous times. She wrote a journal entry like all of

her classes were instructed to do. She read this journal to her classes expressing her feelings, to let them know she was offended by many of the comments made by the students. Some freshmen felt that they were being wrongly blamed for the actions of their peers. The goal of the journal was to help students feel the sting of their disrespectful remarks so that they may begin to correct them.

As a member of the freshman class, I am embarrassed by the disrespect shown to the teachers, our elders, and I hope that this does not tarnish the reputation of our class as a whole. My peers might remark that the teachers should give us respect, but are not giving us that respect, and therefore they show disrespect to the teachers in return. This will not get the teachers to respect us more. Two wrongs do not make a right. We, as students, need to show them respect, and show them that we are mature enough to be shown respect, and that will encourage them to respect us in return. ♦

Emily Dean ('04)

Beyond Hate Assembly Brings Awareness; Long Overdue

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, November 14, the Beyond Hate Club directed the Upper School assembly to discuss commonly used derogatory terms. Some of the commonly used stereotypes and terms addressed were "That is so gay," "That's retarded," "He jewed me down," and "I got gyped."

This assembly was a great way to make Harpeth Hall students aware of their actions, and how a few words can affect others. The open discussion prompted by Kristin Mills, and the cute skits put on by the Playmakers, created a relaxing environment in which students felt comfortable to ex-

press their own opinions on the subject.

The best part of the discussion was the continuation of the subject matter into each individual advisory meeting the next day. This allowed more students to express their opinions on the assembly and have more time to contemplate what the effects of these derogatory terms have on themselves and others. Hopefully, the Beyond Hate assembly made a lasting impact and will make students more aware of hateful words and the consequences they have. ♦

Maggie Waltemath ('03)

Choosing Your Future: HH's Career Approach

Ellen Fort ('02)

Assistant Entertainment Editor



Harpeth Hall is a school that is centered on choosing an appropriate and successful career. Students spend all their time here slaving to get into a good college of their choice and presumably go on to a successful career. However, what is Harpeth Hall's definition of success? Is it a corporate job that brings in the highest amount of money? In many cases I think this is the objective of Harpeth Hall. Professional careers in law, medicine and business are all very important, and many of the girls here will probably decide on one of these sorts of fields. But, that is most definitely not the path of all of Harpeth Hall's students.

So what is the definition of success? Success is something different for each person. Many could argue that success can be measured by monetary value alone, but I think that Harpeth Hall should

expect more from its students than the overwhelming quest for money and power. The people that successfully make a difference in the world are not always the ones with the huge corporations. The most successful people are the ones who follow their instincts and choose a career they love.

At an October Career Day Panel, many successful HH alumnae came to speak to students as advisors in certain career fields. They were all from a technical or professional field. As I signed up for one of the required lunchtime discussions, I found that not only was there nothing that I would possibly be interested in pursuing as a career, but nothing that really interested me at all. The question needing an answer here is "Where were the arts?" There are many, many girls at this school interested in pursuing a career in the liberal, visual and performing arts. We have dancers, singers and musicians, thespians, and journalists, and there was not

a single alumna that represented those careers. This is one indication that perhaps the successful women speaking to us need not be an HH alumna.

Perhaps one reason for this overwhelmingly conservative choice of traditionally successful women has something to do with women in the workplace. It is important to recognize that law, medicine and other related fields that have been formerly dominated by men are now being balanced with women. However, our "women can do it!" attitude should not stand in the way of the true interests of the students. Women can do it, and the students know this.

For a most successful and helpful career day it might be necessary for the administration to conduct some kind of survey or questionnaire asking the interests of the students. We are growing up and learning to be strong women here at our all girls school, so shouldn't we have a voice and hand in our futures? ♦

SAT Prep Courses Are Cheating

Katy Adams ('01)

Contributing Writer



Today's Harpeth Hall students follow a much more rapid and demanding schedule than those who came before them. The second they enter high school, they are thrown into the grueling pace of preparing for college. Most girls, freshmen and seniors alike, spend countless nights awake, worrying if their grades and extracurricular activities will be impressive enough when it comes time for the frightening college application process.

There is a limit to which one can complain about this because it probably won't ever change. However, there are a few things that seem a little unnecessary. For example, one of the most influential aspects of a student's college application is his or her performance on national standardized tests: the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and the ACT (Ameri-

can College Test). These exams are taken nationally, testing both a student's general knowledge in English and mathematics and the student's ability to take a test. A good idea in theory, the test provides a means of comparing students across the country, from different areas and school curricula, on the same level. Unfortunately, it is not as equal as it should be.

Because there is so much pressure for teenagers (at Harpeth Hall in particular) to get into a good college, some people are prompted to take preparatory classes (such as the Princeton Review or Kaplan Tutoring) or employ an SAT tutor in order to score better on the test. Some students do this and others don't (or do not even have it available to them). This completely throws off the equality and the original purpose of the test, especially since the classes and tutors are usually teaching ways to get around the questions — to trick the computer that grades them.

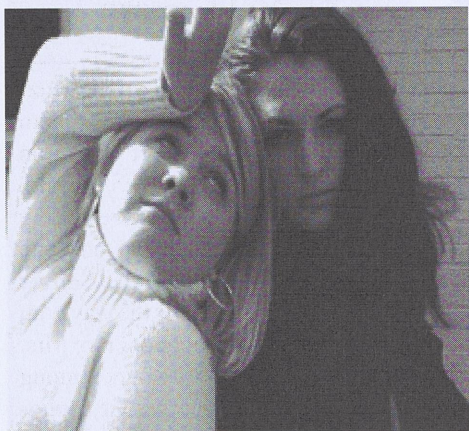
For example, Student A has a 3.5 GPA. Student B has a

2.9 GPA. Student A takes the SAT and scores a respectable 1230. Student B's parents pay \$1,000 for an SAT tutor, and Student B scores a 1350. Is this fair?

The purpose of these tests is to assess everyone on the same level. Not everyone has the time or money to take classes to bring up their scores, and if everyone could take the classes, they would have to find a new way to test everyone in an unbiased fashion.

I think it is sad that getting into college has become a difficult obstacle to teenagers instead of a fun decision. In certain strict preparatory institutions (eh hem), students are so incredibly pressured to succeed that they, in my opinion, cheat their way through a very vital aspect of college application. If the tests must exist, tutors and extra help should not be allowed. It's not fair to the colleges who are getting a tainted impression of the student's true ability. It's also not fair to the other students, nationwide, who do not or cannot get the extra help. ♦

Harpeth Hall Breeds Excellence in Theater



Edwards and Turk, two of HH's accomplished actresses.

Cornelia Rowe ('02)
Editor-in-Chief

From *Guys and Dolls* to *Grease* to *Goldenboy*, there's always been one constant among Harpeth Hall and MBA theatrical productions: the presence of actresses Liz Edwards ('01) and Jessica Turk ('02). Known for their abilities to create believable and versatile onstage characters, Edwards and Turk have contributed hard work and talent

to numerous school shows. While their resumés, character preferences, and views on HH drama may differ, both girls share the same passion for theatre and desire to make each role they play better than their previous one.

Edwards is the one who you can usually find playing lead characters. Her performances have ranged from the daydreamy, insecure, somewhat eccentric Lala in *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* to her most recent portrayal of the sassy, overconfident, movie queen Jean Maitland in *Stage Door*. Turk, on the other hand, seems to specialize in the more outlandish, high-strung roles: from the "mother-in-law from hell" Lady Bracknell of *The*

Importance of Being Earnest to the booming, boisterous Gloria Thorpe in *Damn Yankees*. Both actresses bring strength, freshness, and zeal to each role they undertake, and neither minds the long hours and often sleepless nights that each production requires of them.

It's not surprising that both plan to pursue acting as a career in the future. "This is the first year I've ever been able to truly say, 'I think I want to stay in theatre.' Not necessarily acting and performing, but I want to stay in the medium of theatre, either directing or producing or acting," Jessica says. Liz, too, would like to act professionally, and emphasizes that the way she will go about this is through education: "At this point I'm just trying to get into college! I'm going to study theater, do plays there hopefully, and see where it takes me. I'm looking at Northwestern, and the whole thing is that I can get really good training in theater but I can also get a

really broad liberal arts education, so I can broaden my horizons, because I really believe that you have to have a well-rounded education to really be an effective actress, to know what you're trying to convey—"

"—you have to be pretty smart to be an actress!" interrupted Jessica. "There's a lot more to it than you think. It's a whole lot more just getting up there, memorizing lines, and reciting them. There's a whole lot more depth than just that."

"There's details!" emphasizes Liz.

"There are so many layers to it," Jessica explains, having now found the perfect description of her craft. Sure, you have to know your lines and your blocking. But then there's the whole emotion behind it, and the connection between your fellow actors onstage. There's a lot." ♦

Ben Harper Goes Above and Beyond

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Contributing Writer



Ben Harper croons to the crowd.

From the moment I walked into the Ryman Theater on Monday, October 30 I knew I had picked a winning concert; I could feel it in the air. The diversity of the crowd to see Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals ranged from HH students and HH teachers (our very own Dr. Hopple) to head-banging teenagers and calm attentive listeners. The small size of the theater and the surprisingly comfy church-pew benches made me feel like I was kicking back in my own living room.

The crowd was pumped to listen to all of Harper's songs. Harper played an excellent first set and told the music-thirsty crowd goodnight. By the time Harper remounted the stage for the first of two encores, my hands were numb from clapping. Harper's backup players, who complemented the music beautifully, resided backstage and allowed Harper play an acoustic set alone. I've never heard better guitar playing and singing in all my 'concert going years'. His intimate solo brought tears to my eyes and a smile to my face.

But once again, the crowd was too revved up to say goodbye to Harper, so for the second encore the whole band walked back onstage. The highlight of the night was the bands' performance of "Steal My Kisses" at the end of the first set. Even Harper, who got up from his chair in the middle of the stage, couldn't contain himself from dancing and entertaining the audience.

All in all the performance receives four gold stars and left me stuffed from his fulfilling music! ♦

♊ Clairvoyant K Reveals Winter Future ♏

Aries: School work may be boggling your mind this month as Venus transits through Scorpio. This means that you will have to study hard, but it will all pay off. You may have been feeling a little bit unlike yourself these past few months, but Venus promises to bring a wave of clarity to your life, maybe even a little romance!

Taurus: You may be so wrapped up in studying this month that you forget a little bit about your romantic side. I assure you that you will be much more in tune with this once you get studying out of the picture. I see in your future a young and handsome Capricorn or Virgo; keep your head in the books, but keep your eyes open as you will see a potential mate nearby!

Gemini: You may be sick of doing the same old thing—study, go out on Friday and Saturdays, study more, eat, sleep— it might be getting a

little dull. Try to keep in perspective that soon it will be the holiday and you will be having so much fun! For the time being just trudge through the usual because Sagittarius is transiting between the sun and Mars! It maybe cold outside, but this New Years you are going to be in a hot relationship with the one you love. Just you wait!

Cancer: November certainly took its toll on you, and you might just want to curl up into a ball and hibernate for the winter. Oh! Such a pity! However, as much you want to do this, the stars have other plans for you. Aquarius is entering Neptune, and new faith and activity are approaching rapidly. Be ready for new love and romance around the holiday time!

Leo: Roar lion, roar! The lion inside of you is growling for attention, and you will rightfully receive it. As Gemini

nears Pisces, ingenious thoughts and creativity will transform a lion into a lamb. Your usually domineering nature will become soft and gentle, allowing all to see your amazing intelligence. (Can we say excellent grades on exams—I think so). This is also an excellent month for you to find a new love. Don't be afraid to go for the jugular when you want a boyfriend Leo, be the lion you know you are!

Virgo: Overall this is a good month for you. You are wise beyond your age on exams, but you must learn to be wise in the field of love. Capricorn enters Leo, so try to make a strong effort with a young love. This love might blossom into something wonderful!

Libra: Ahh, Libra, you are so balanced it isn't even funny. Exam study time and time on the phone and internet is in perfect harmony during the beginning of the month. You

seem to have your plans for the holiday season all decked out. Yet, try to put a little spontaneity in the picture! I promise if you do, an eligible bachelor might come your way!

Scorpio: So intense! Goodness, you must lighten up! I promise all that studying will leave you feeling like you need a break! Besides, Jupiter is entering Venus, which makes a beautiful and harmonious love develop over the holidays.

Sagittarius: New love has been sparked over the last few months, so if you feel that this is not the time to make a commitment, obviously you are not thinking straight! Trust me on this one, love is developing at a steady pace this December, but don't overlook your studies.

Capricorn: Money issues could be tearing at your heart. I guarantee that by the holiday

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"We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!"

HH Spirit and Pride Currently at Its Best

Sports Opinion

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With all the recent success of Harpeth Hall's fall sports team, one might ask, "What makes our teams so incredible?" Of course, the coaching and intense training are key elements, along with the natural ability and competitiveness of our athletes, but beyond all these, the strong school spirit of Harpeth Hall has made the difference in our competitions. In talking with many of the upper school athletes, the consensus is clear: Harpeth Hall's school spirit is superb! Cayce McCain, a varsity soccer player, says, "It is the best feeling to be on the field and hear all the fans yelling on the sidelines. The support made all the difference when we played Ryan and made us all proud to play for Harpeth Hall." With each goal the fans chanted the



Although the volleyball team lost in the semifinals, their spirits were lifted by their devoted fans.

everpopular, "Who let the bears out?", motivating the team and fiercely intimidating their Irish opponents.

With the increase in popularity of the Pep Club in the past two years, school pride has been made a big priority. Now it has begun to soar among the Honeybears. Margaret Martin, a senior volleyball and basketball player, agrees that the increase of school spirit brought the re-

sults. Commenting on last year's state basketball game, she says, "It was incredible to look up into the stands filled with classmates completely decked out in green and shouting for us on the court. It really is motivation to play your hardest."

In running in the state cross-country meet, I became so appreciative of not only the support and cheers at the event, but also in the encouragement

and interest at school. To see so many fans and teachers out on the course and to hear them yell is truly an amazing inspiration. When motivation runs low (as it often does in a three-mile race) and we begin to ask ourselves yet again why we do this sport, a single cheer from a fan can make all the difference in determination to keep going. The presence of teachers who already give so much time to their students and then give up their afternoon to cheer them on, is so rewarding in itself. Dr. Echerd, among many other supporters, is always there and is still able to have a philosophical conversation or two between cheers. As an athlete or a fan, one gains a strong sense of pride to be a part of such an involved and supportive community. To the students and faculty of Harpeth Hall, we commend you for all your support and for enabling Harpeth Hall's school spirit to thrive. ♦

HH Bowling Is a Striking Success

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Spare. Turkey. Buzzer. Do these words mean anything to you? If you're on the HH Bowling team, they do. This year 35 girls are hitting the lanes to participate in some fierce competition. Senior Dacia Beard leads the way with the enthusiastic support of Mrs. Girgus and Ms. Roark. Among the team's members is sophomore Lana Sorin. "All of us girls are great friends, and that's what makes it so fun. It's amazing!"

Although the team has an awesome time, they also have established some goals for the season. The team is currently ranked third and will likely move up. One of the most exciting highlights of this year was the sweet victory over MBA.

Mrs. Girgus summed it up by saying, "We have a good time and enjoy being together as a group."

Cross Country: State Champs

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Sports Editor

Of the 4,208 miles the cross country team ran this season, the last three were certainly the best. They surprised everyone in the state except themselves as they fought hard to win the state meet after being upset in the regional meet by Brentwood Academy.

Coach Russ told the team that to win, they would have to run as a pack and feed off each other's strength. In practice and in races the girls ran together, and through that they were able to get the feeling that they were a team

and that they were doing it together. Coach Russ feels that is what really allowed the girls to win as a team because it took every runner to win. The varsity team was also supported by an exceptionally strong JV team who won the regional meet and shared in the team's goals.

While the cross country runners are exceptional athletes, it was their competitive spirit that drove them to win. They were able to push twenty in under 20 minutes. They knew what it was going to take to win, and they did it.

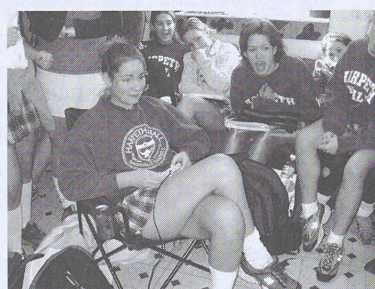
Coach Russ told the team before the state meet that the

time was right for them to win, and so the girls decided to prove to everyone else what they could do. She told the team that it was the TSSAA's (Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association) seventy-fifth year, Harpeth Hall's fiftieth anniversary, and Harpeth Hall had not won state since 1981, so there was no better time to win. The girls took her words to heart and put forth a thrilling performance in winning the state meet. With their championship, Harpeth Hall broke the record for the most state cross country championships for the girls and tied the overall record. ♦

The Verdict on Video Games

Sports Opinion

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Seniors enthusiastically watch Kazzie Zerface ('01) as she intently plays "Mario."

This year's seniors have contributed many things to make the Senior House more homey and unique—such as a microwave, a TV and VCR, a heater, and numerous pieces of old furniture. However, everyone in the class would agree that the most beloved addition is the old-school Super Nintendo that has been hooked up to the TV. Everyone says that things like sports teams, prom decoration, and retreats would bring a class to-

gether, but lately, most venture to say that it is the Nintendo, now revered among seniors as the best and most intense gladiator sport of all. In fact, one can often hear girls complaining that they can't put it on their college applications as a team sport. It is, after all, a team sport.

When asked what constitutes a sport, most would say something that involves competition, spectatorship, and usually some physical exertion. People usually think of football or basketball, but why can't the sports spectrum be broader? Video games, though not usually considered a sport, fit all of the aforementioned requirements.

If we take a trip down memory lane, back to our childhoods, we can see that video games have really fused the grade together. Everyone has learned to share and wait their turn to play. It also has

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Fall Sports Scoreboard

Cross Country:

Won Tennessee Classic Meet
Won Metro Meet
Undeclared in District
Second in A.F. Bridges, Region Meets
State Champions

Soccer:

Won HH/SCA Tournament
Region Runner-up
State Quarterfinals
Final Record 15-5-2

Volleyball:

Won Hillsboro Tournament
Region Runner-up
State Semifinals

TOP 5 STUDENT WEBSITES

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Sparknotes.com

Ah, Sparknotes. com., a considerable source of controversy and faculty chagrin. Nonetheless, it is extremely useful. It simplifies the most grueling of novels by giving character plots, sketches, summaries, practice tests and questions.

Tennessean.com

If you can't read the newspaper at home, or need to do research on past events in national or local news, this is a fabulous site. It has archives detailing occurrences from over four years ago.

Nashville.citysearch.com

This website is useful to those who want to be aware of what's going on in their hometown. It has links to the Titans, movie theaters, hot concerts, restaurants, Ticketmaster, and more. It also can connect you to other cities through citysearch.com.

Encyclopedia.com

This site is amazing and is a quick way to find information on anything or anyone from Henry VIII to Bill Clinton. It gives you thorough and accurate information, plus links to other sites.

Colleges.com and PSAT.org

These sites pretty much speak for themselves; however, they are excellent sources for those juniors and seniors who are looking forward to the future. Both of these sites allow you to connect to other schools sites as well as search for the right school for you. ♦

Far and Away

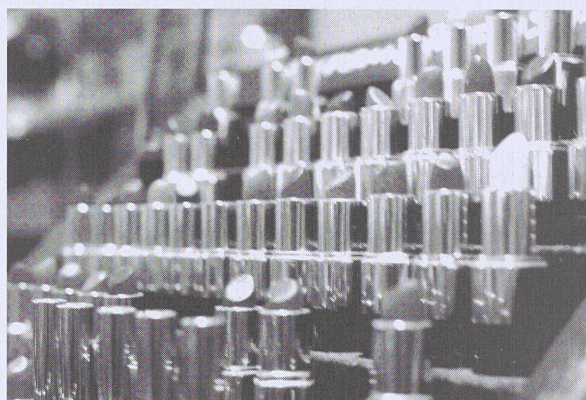
Sara Morris ('03)
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The international student exchange program is growing worldwide. Harpeth Hall recently joined that statistic when it accepted Ashley Middleton as its first foreign exchange student. Ashley is from Johannesburg, South Africa. Originally she had expected to follow three of her friends to Melbourne Ladies College in Australia, but when she discovered only three could go, she decided to come to Nashville. She spent several weeks with the Norton family, and with Tippins ('03) and Mary Katherine ('04) Stone. Currently she is living with Sara Morris and her family. Leaving her family and settling in Nashville, she says, was a lot easier than she had expected. Being too busy with school to get homesick, she finds it manageable to be away from her parents and her brother, Andrew. "You get really close to your host family," she said. "It's like a real family without all the complications of sibling rivalry and overprotective parents!"

As a student, she has more time and more freedom to be out later on the weekends. The uniform policy at her school is a lot more strict than the variety of uniforms at Harpeth Hall. Ashley is so grateful for the opportunity to come here and she says if she could pick up her family and move them here, she would. "I would recommend the exchange program to all students," she said, "It is the best opportunity for anyone our age. Take it, grab it with both hands." ♦

Spotlight on Beauty: Private Edition

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Features Editor



Private Edition features a vast array of cosmetics.

A fashion and beauty guru's dream: Aisles and counters filled with everything from beautiful bronze eyeshadows by Shu Umeura to luxurious lotions with the tasty name "Milk" (that feel even tastier on your skin). Achieving the "feverish-cheek" look has never been so easy with Laura Mercier's glow-on blush. One step further, and I am beautifully greeted with the noteworthy Bumble and Bumble hair products that give the ever so sexy "bed head" or the curly head girl's dream of being "so straight." To some girls who crave delightfully dewy skin and supercharged eyes, this boutique may seem too good to be true.

Private Edition was featured in *In Style* magazine that raved about this "music city masterpiece." It is the only cosmetic store in Nashville to carry all of these *Cosmo* and *In Style*-approved cosmetics. Its clients include

country music star Lee Anne Rimes, and this year's Country Music artist of the year and Cover Girl, Faith Hill.

My advice to all of you Winter Formal goers who really want to "wow" your studly date is to go try out the sparkle creams, get a free makeup consultation, or just go "play" and try out some of the

outrageous colors and lip glosses that they have to offer. And if you really feeling the need to splurge, they offer services like "self-tanner application" (to get that "Gisele-like" glow, without the cancerous, wrinkling effects of the fake bake), and detoxifying facials, which to boot, are also great gifts for that friend who needs pampering or for your hard-working, deserving mom. Needless to say, I always exit looking more like a clown after having tried virtually every product, not to mention the grease factor from having applied every cream and lotion labeled "tester."

Next issue: look forward to the review on the sultry strands created by Aura salon and fashion at Posh Boutique. Until then, keep your eye out for local beauty, and never underestimate the power of being able to glow! ♦

College Corner

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I don't know whether it was the breathtaking Rocky Mountains, the clean air, the incredibly friendly atmosphere, or the beautiful campus that made me fall in love with the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Boulder is a college town filled with delicious restaurants, trendy shops, and has the Rocky Mountains literally at its doorstep. CU-Boulder, a.k.a. "the buffs" (named after their mascot Ralphie the Buffalo) is a diverse community with people from all over the world. Before I visited this magical place, I envisioned the people to stereotypically be "hippies." To my surprise, this was just an inaccurate

label. The student body has just about every group you could imagine, and everyone seemed happy. While the Greek life is not as prevalent as in many southern schools, the social life was crazy, and people seemed to be having fun 24 hours a day. Typically, the dorm food is not very appetizing, yet the rooms are spacious with big windows that enable the breeze to come through. Overall, the student body at CU loves the outdoors, and many spend their free time mountain biking, hiking, or skiing in the large radius of surrounding ski towns. Denver, Vail, Beaver Creek, and Breckenridge are just a few of the ski resorts close to Boulder that are accessible to students. "On off weekends," a freshman said, "we go to the mountains with our friends or go skiing."

After only three short days at the

spectacular CU, I left with a completely new view of the West. The refreshing air, challenging academics, and welcoming people made me see how it would be hard to leave both CU and the West in general. ♦

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The Infamous Chem Nerds: A Harpeth Hall Legend Continues

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Mrs. Higgins and the Chem Nerds, circa 1991.

They're the ones who always have chemistry flashcards on their person. They're the ones who always have those mysterious sorority pins on, and they're often the ones you see aimlessly wandering the halls mumbling the words "quantum", "electron", and "fail" under their breath. Who are these odd but unique people? They are the few, the proud, the Chemistry Nerds.

The road to reach the Chem. Nerd status is almost longer than a electromagnetic spectrum, and most students who achieve the highest level of nerdiness often have to attend stress management seminars with Dana Long-Innes and Erica Radtke. The leaders of these elite few are Ms.

Melinda "Bright Shiny Faces" Higgins and Mrs. Legare "Chix with Styx" Vest. They too were once Chem. Nerds who felt the urge to continue their studies in a field they held true to their hearts.

Ms. Higgins told us that the exact definition of a Chemistry Nerd was "Any Harpeth Hall girl that loves chemistry more than anything, including M.B.A. It takes a lot of unbridled enthusiasm to be a true nerd." Also Ms. Higgins informed us that most all of the teachers in the science department were once Chem Nerds, however, they have harnessed their feelings in order to continue teaching such grueling subjects as AP and Freshman Biology and Conceptual Physics.

Most people who are presently in Con. Phy. or Biology cannot fathom that people are actually more partial to chemistry; however this is a classic case of chemistry jealousy. "We are a humble group," said Ms. Higgins, "Humility is one of our key priorities. We prefer a strictly low and profes-

sional profile." The actual nerd's point of view is a very different one. Jesse Morris, a graduated Chem Nerd, told us just the opposite: "Who wouldn't be jealous of the impeccable display of wit seen in a Chem Nerds personality? Everyone's jealous. But they really should get some help for those denial problems."

"People are really impressed by mundane knowledge of chemistry. For example," Jesse said, "I explained a simple concept of chemistry to an amazingly cute astronomy student. See how many ways it's used? Needless to say, he's been back." Some of her greatest high school memories relate straight to chemistry. "At the risk of sounding like a huge dork, I honestly do miss it. Chemistry classes at the good old HH are a bonding experience. I'll never forget the fond memories of the never-ending labs, taking incomprehensible notes, and lab books, so quick and painless!" Mrs. Higgins agrees with Jesse

that the workload is heavy, but she says that that's what gives chemistry its appeal, "It's a challenge."

However challenging the curriculum, the pure essence and humor of the class can make any day a bright one. "Chemistry is a real learning experience, in more ways than one," Ms. Higgins exclaimed. "Not only do my students learn about science, but before they leave my class at the end of the year they are loaded with knowledge, dating tips, accessorized goggles, a stylin' tie-die shirt, and enough element flashcards to last them a lifetime."

Chemistry is a fabulous class, and Jesse had a few words of wisdom to those who are forging ahead with it. "I'd like to give a shout-out to all Chem Nerds past, present, and future," she said. "Live it up! Do the zinc and hydrochloric acid experiment roughly 398 times. Complain about it! But have fun, because you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." ♦

Chem Nerd Guidelines

- *Always carry Chemistry Flashcards
- * Always wear your Lambda Nu pin (the Chem Nerd Sorority)
- *On weekends, always borrow chemistry movies such as *Radiation: Discovered* and *Properties of Mass* to watch at home with your date
- *Always heat up your pizza over a Bunsen Burner
- * If your date isn't interested in chemistry, you shouldn't be interested in him!

From Ward Belmont to Harpeth Hall: A Look at Our History

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As Harpeth Hall enters the 21st century, many reflections are on its long history. However, most girls who attend HH do not know many of its juicy stories. This year, HH commemorates 50 years of education by remembering the 116 years before. By dusting off the stories of Harpeth Hall's yesteryears, one can see why its legacy continues today.

At the end of the 19th and into the 20th century a woman's life differed greatly from what it is like today. Women of this time had to face many barriers that have now crumbled. These walls included the right to vote, women in the work place, and women receiving an education.

However, in the early 1890's, Miss Heron and Miss Hood broke the latter barrier. They believed women could excel in education just as men could. This pursuit in excellence began when these two ladies founded a finishing school, The Belmont College for Young Women. By today's standards, a finishing school sounds like a cotillion; a place to learn manners, but Miss Heron and Miss Hood's College was not a place to learn proper sitting and sipping tea. In fact, women of the Belmont College took rigorous courses learning how to properly study and how to appreciate their nurturing environment. In 1914, 46 faculty members taught these young women such courses as Art History, Mathematics, Psychology,

Home Economics, Foreign Languages (including German), and many more.

By 1913, the Belmont College for Women shed its image of a finishing school and combined with Nashville's other leading girl school, Ward Seminary. One could have easily predicted the merger of these two rival schools, which became known as Ward-Belmont, both with exceptional standards and both in the heart of Nashville. This became the ultimate education according to Governor Robert L. Taylor: "The crowning glory of Belmont is the excellence of its moral training and the thoroughness of its intellectual discipline."

As years passed, the school added traditions that have still been passed on to to-

day that include the following: Step Singing, May Queen (our modern day version is the Lady of the Hall), George Washington's Birthday, Penn Staff, and Milestones. However, some traditions have been lost over the years, like May Day, a celebration where the young girls danced around a maypole, teatime in an octagonal room, and dances without boys.

One must remember that the early 1900's were a strict time. The Belmont Mansion, which housed the school, was once coated in murals with nude cherubs on the room's ceilings. When the Belmont College for Young Women moved in, these murals were repainted. Also a woman never revealed any skin (so much for Dud's Days), and the dress

code included nothing more than a simple blue or brown dress. Sadly, these girls never experienced the wonderful feeling of a comfortable plaid skirt. Even though times change, buildings have been torn down, and students have graduated, Harpeth Hall still carries on the legacy of Ward Belmont.

According to Mrs. Teaff, Harpeth Hall continues the same commitment to educating young women. It is believed that the past is a good prediction for the future. Needless to say, the strong community, dedicated women, and wonderful teachers are standards that have held true from the past with Ward-Belmont to the future with Harpeth Hall. ♦

Middle East

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image and dignity. If Sharon, a known hard-liner, should win in the coming election, the world will probably wait longer for what he called "a better peace, realistic peace" that has delayed its entrance for too long.

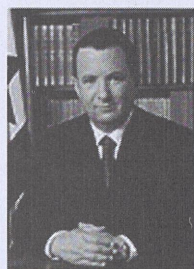
Since its beginning in 1948, Israel was viewed with hostile eyes from every direction. Egypt, Syria, Transjordan (later Jordan), Lebanon, and Iraq jointly invaded days after Israel proclaimed her independence. Born into a cradle of chaos, Israel quickly aligned herself with powerful Western

allies. Israel proved her military superiority in the Suez Canal Crisis of 1956 and the Six-Day War of 1967—Israel changed in the world's eyes. It was precisely the indispensable need to preserve the Jewish homeland that drove Israel into subsequent warfare with her Arab neighbors. There was no alternative.

It is not that the world has paid scarce attention to this topic, or that man has grown too addicted to violence to negotiate. Simply, Israel is a hotspot too sensitive and fragile for quick answers. Many

diplomatic attempts have been made in the past to seal the fate of this troubled region.

Two most noted efforts, Camp David Accords and Oslo Accords, were able to secure superficial promises that were later discarded. Peace remains no more than a whisper out of the 1001 Nights. ♦



Ehud Barak

The Law and Teens

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years or until the age of 18, or whichever is longer.

Myth: Your license cannot be taken away for merely racing.

Fact: If convicted of racing, a person will have her license revoked for one year on the first offense.

Myth: As long as a juvenile has parental permission to be out after curfew, he or she is immune from any curfew law.

Fact: It is unlawful for any minor between 17 and 18 years of age to remain in or upon any public street, highway, park, vacant lot, establishment or other public place within the county during the following time frames: Monday through Thursday between the hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on Friday through Sunday between the hours of midnight to 6 a.m. For those under 16, the curfew prohibits being out Monday through Thursday between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on Friday through Sunday between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. It is unlawful for a parent or guardian of a minor to knowingly permit or by inefficient control to allow such minor to be or remain upon any street or establishment under circumstances not constituting an exception to, or otherwise beyond the scope of subsections. The term "knowingly" includes knowledge

which a parent or guardian should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a minor in that parent's legal custody. Exceptions are if a minor is with a parent or guardian, on a parent's errand until the hour of 12:00 a.m., legally employed for the period from 45 minutes before to 45 minutes after work from work to home. Written evidence of employment which is issued by the employer is needed. ♦

What's In Your Future?

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season all will be well. Try to concentrate on friendship this Christmas more than love. You, out of all the other signs, need to wait until a later date for love. This is because Taurus is retrograding with Capricorn; you need to reflect on past decisions and make better ones in the year to come!

Aquarius: This is a time for you to go out and make

changes in your habits of love. Perhaps you have been centering the love around yourself or entirely around your mate. Either way, attempt to make this love balanced. Exams will go fine, and the holidays will be just what you envisioned—either good or bad. You make the choice!

Pisces: Oh little fish, you look tired. Well, the holidays are

just what the doctor ordered. A good heap of energy and relaxation and a hint of love surround your forecast. Remember to study for these exams! Study hard because if you don't, they may haunt your wonderful holiday! ♦



Grace Clayton

Dear Grace and Frances,
The other night on the way home from the movies, I got pulled over by a cop—and got slapped with a ticket! I'm scared to tel my parents. What should I do?!

*Sincerely,
Scared in the Fast Lane*

Dear Scared in the Fast Lane,

Not that I have any experience dealing with the police, (I'm sure that you all know I currently reside at the foot of the cross), but I think that I might have some good advice for you. Seeing that

the holiday season is just around the corner, an whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, I think that you should wait until after the holiday season before telling your parents so that you can still get all of your presents from them! That way, if you are forced to a daily ration of read and water, you can still romp around your room in your new killer coat and other holiday accessories. (Just remember to rip the tags off of everything before you tell; then there is no possible way for the 'rents to return all your gifts!)

If that doesn't work, skip to something that I do

best: grab the Visa and gas card, hop in the car, push on the pedal, and HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE BORDER! I expect a post card when you get there.

Grace

Dear Scared in the Fast Lane,

Frankly, I think your parents would know right away. When they post those nice little signs on the road that say SPEED LIMIT, they don't mean "please go ten over." Take advice from me; always drive ten under. You are being rude and disrespectful to the



Frances Lewis

other drivers on the road and should therefore be punished. The law will punish you with a ticket, but that is not nearly enough considering how much you have inconvenienced others. Your parents should know so they can revoke your driving privileges and make our roads safer by not having you on it. Your school should also know so they can issue you two demerits for this rudeness. You brought this on yourself!

*With no sympathy,
Frances*

*Logos II Asks...***If Harpeth Hall were to receive another donation, what would you want it to go towards?**

"I would want the money to go the music department because we don't have a single in-tune piano! We could buy new pianos and sheet music, as well as soundproof the rehearsal rooms."

Christine Ekrem, Junior



"I would build a new pool for the swim team. With the leftover money, we could get new bathrooms!"

Megan Turner, Sophomore



"I would put new dressing rooms in the theatre and give Mrs. Klocko a vacation!"

Briton Alonso, Freshman

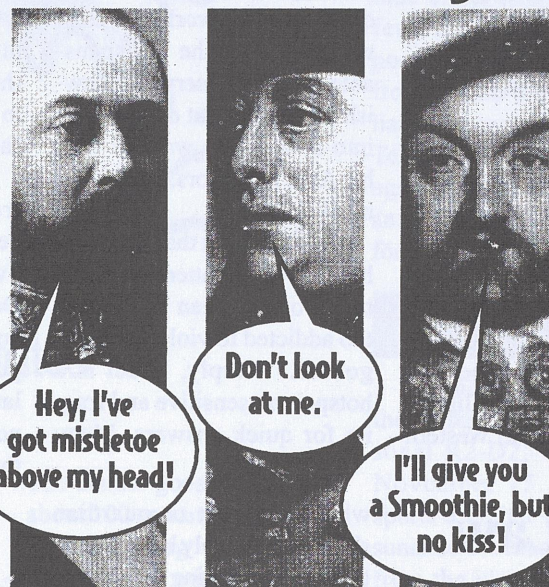


"A teacher's spa! No, what we really need is more classroom space, with new furniture and better equipment."

Mrs. LaVoe Mulgrew, Director of Upper School



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